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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my
name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is
claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SMALL VESSEL EXPANDABLE
STENT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF SAME, the specification of which ☐ is
attached hereto ☐ was filed on July 29, 1999 as United States Application No. or PCT
International Application No. 09/744,916 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the
above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to
above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability
as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b), of
any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international
application which designates at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have
also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international
application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

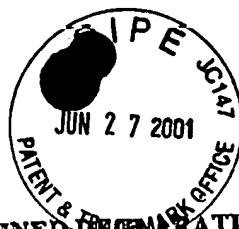
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States
provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States
application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed
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